(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to increase their production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRIULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) The production of pulses and oilseeds for the last three years is as follows:

Year	Production of Pulses (lakh tonnes)	Production of Oilseeds (lakh tonnes)
1987-88 . .	109·62	126·5
1988-89 . .	137·03	178·9
1989-90 . .	134·00 (anticipated)	171·6

(b) The strategy proposed to increase production of Oilseeds and pulses relates to the area expansion through programmes like multiple-cropping, sequential cropping and inter-cropping. In case of oilseeds, it is area expansion under Rabi-Summer groundnut in southern States; expansion of soyabean cultivation during Kharif season in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan; introduction of sunflower in non-traditional areas during summer season, cultivation of Toria as catch crop in northern States. With regard to Pulses, cultivation of early maturing Arhar varieties in northern States, promotion of cultivation of summer pulses, expansion of area of moong and urd in rice fallows in southern and eastern States, area expension of Lentil in rice fallows in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar etc. are being taken up.

For increasing the production level, programmes of production and supply of good quality seed increased use of phosphatic and other fertilizers, distribution of rhzybium culture, supply of improved farm implements propagation of improved farm technology, adoption of plant protection measures etc. are being proposed.

Task force scheme for employment in Punjab

2069. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the previous Government had formulated a Task Force Scheme for providing employment to the youth in the border areas of Punjab;

(b) if so, what were the details thereof, including the date of finalisation of the scheme;

(c) whether the said scheme was shelved by the State Government; and

(d) if so, whether any rethinking on the said scheme is going on if so, by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) As per information received from Government of Punjab, a Scheme of National Task Force had been formulated and it was approved in October, 1989. The scheme envisages recruiting about 10,000 youth from the Border Areas of Amritsar, Ferozepur and Gurdaspur Districts of the State, in a phased manner, for providing training in various training camps, depending upon their educational qualifications, experience and status of physical fitness, and subsequently getting them employed in Govt./Semi-Government/Industrial Institutions, or facilitating their self-employment. The Scheme has been launched on July 31, 1990 by selecting 1000 youth in the first phase for training in various training camps in the State.

Evaluation of crop Insurance Scheme

2070. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation of the performance of the crop insurance scheme introduced in the country in 1985;